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(54) Mobile phone incorporating security firmware

(57) In accordance with the disclosed method and arrangement, for purpose of client authentication, private keys for digital certificates, or in general, any private or secret information that is necessary for client authentication can be stored in a personal SIM-card/smart-card and used in combination with the mobile telephone as a security gateway upon establishment of a IPsec tunnel. An employee staying away from his ordinary office may, by means of a personal independent access

unit functioning as a security gateway, communicate with the protected Intranet of his employer. Such a scenario enables the employee to borrow any remote host in order to access the Intranet by means of a mobile communication network or a fix network, e.g. PSTN.

The solution is to move the security function to the mobile telephone or the independent access unit, preferably a wireless independent access unit, where a lightweight security gateway or firewall is implemented.

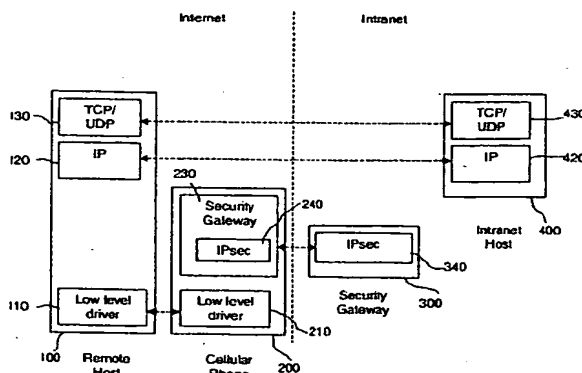


Fig 4

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Description

FIELD OF INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to a method and arrangement for data protection (security) via encryption/decryption for network communication.

DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART

[0002] Traditionally, the Internet has no provision for security and, if measures are not taken, communicating parties can be the target of passive and active attacks such as eavesdropping, spoofing, hijacking, replay and denial of service, etc. Similarly, computers directly connected to the Internet may be the targets of attacks that exploit security flaws in the operating system or Internet services to inject data viruses or so called Trojan horses. For security, data is often protected before being sent on the network. The computer themselves are carefully scrutinized to close any possible holes in order to avoid intrusion.

[0003] The Internet Protocol (IP) formally specifies the format of Internet packets, called datagrams, and informally embodies the ideas of connectionless delivery. Analogous to a physical frame, the IP datagram is divided into header and data areas. Among other information, the datagram header contains the source and destination IP addresses, fragmentation control, precedence, and a checksum used to catch transmission errors. Besides fixedlength fields, each datagram header can contain at least one option field. The option field is of variable length, depending on the number and type of options used as well as the size of the data area allocated for each option.

[0004] The idea of layering is fundamental in protocol design because it provides a conceptual framework for protocol design. In a layered model, each layer handles one part of the communication problem and usually corresponds to one protocol. Protocols follow the layering principle, which states that the software implementing layer "n" on the destination machine receives exactly what the software implementing layer "n" on the source machine sends. In practice, protocol software uses multiplexing and demultiplexing to distinguish among multiple protocols within a given layer, making protocol software more complex than the layering model suggests.

[0005] Encrypting/decrypting data has been performed by complex security software within applications or, to simplify the applications, encrypting/decrypting has been performed within the protocol stack of network protocols.

[0006] Internet Protocol (IP) provides one of the two major protocols used in internetworking. A user considers the Internet as a single virtual network that interconnects all hosts, and through which communication is possible; its underlying architecture is both hidden and irrelevant. Conceptually, an IP internet provides three

set of services in three dependent layers. The three layers will be disclosed in more details below.

[0007] In figure 2 is depicted the three layers of a IP stack internet according to prior art; their arrangement in figure 2 suggests dependencies among them. At the lowest level 1, a connectionless delivery service provides a foundation on which everything rests. At the next level 2, a transport service provides a higher platform on which applications depend. I.e., internet software is designed around three conceptual networking services arranged in a hierarchy.

[0008] Enterprises build Intranets surrounded by firewalls that are filtering incoming traffic in order to protect internal corporate networks from Internet attacks. To this end, firewall computers, which have direct access to a network, may be used to prevent unauthorized access to internal/private networks. In addition, for mobile users, in order to protect communication between a remote host and the corporate Intranet across the Internet, encrypted channels are used, i.e. a secure tunnel through the Internet. The security is achieved by scrambling the data by using cryptography - secret writing - and is called Virtual Private Networking (VPN). The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) is standardizing the IPsec protocol suite that can be used for this. The suite defines how to authenticate peers and negotiate encryption keys in order to establish secure network channels between parties.

[0009] The IPsec protocol is a set of security extensions providing privacy and authentication services by using modern cryptographic methods. It can protect all traffic against unauthorized modification and eavesdropping and securely authenticate the parties communicating with each other. However, traffic travelling outside the secured boundaries of networks protected by VPN need separate protection.

[0010] In a system using IPsec, in order to protect the contents of an IP datagram, the data is transformed using cryptography. There are two main transformation types that form the building blocks of IPsec, the Authentication Header (AH) transformation, and the Encapsulating Security Payload (ESP) transformation.

[0011] The Authentication Header (AH) provides authentication (data origin authentication, connectionless integrity, and anti-replay protection services) to a datagram. It protects all the data in the datagram from tampering as specified in the Security Association, including the fields in the header that do not change in transit. AH has been designed to just provide integrity. A deficiency with AH is that it does not provide confidentiality.

[0012] The ESP header provides confidentiality, data origin authentication, connectionless integrity, anti-replay protection, and limited traffic flow confidentiality. It does this by encrypting the contents of the datagram as specified by the Security Association. The ESP transformations encrypt and decrypt portions of datagrams, optionally wrapping or unwrapping the datagram within another IP datagram. Optionally ESP transformations

may perform data integrity validation and compute an Integrity Check Value (ICV) for the datagram being sent.

[0013] Before a secure session can begin, the communicating parties need to negotiate the terms for the communication. These terms are the ones that are defined in the Security Association (SA). There needs to be an automated protocol to establish the SA to make the process feasible in a global network like the Internet. This automated protocol is the Internet Key Exchange (IKE). IKE is meant for establishing, negotiating, modifying, and deleting SA:s. It securely produces random short-term session keys for the hosts and authenticates the hosts using shared secrets (passwords), or cryptographically using certificates.

[0014] The IKE key negotiation and exchange works in two phases. During the first phase, IKE establishes a secure channel for further negotiation traffic and defines the security association to be used during the negotiations. During the second phase, it negotiates a security association to be used by IPsec. Although the first phase is time consuming, in the end, time is saved as the more frequent second phase negotiations can be performed faster after the first phase negotiations have been performed.

[0015] The remote host also needs the security software to handle this connection. The patent "Data Encryption/Decryption for Network Communication", WO-9726731 A1, proposes a method wherein the remote host system software is modified. A security network driver software, such as IPsec, is inserted between the network protocol IP and the corresponding network driver. Security measures are performed upon the network packets before the network packets are passed to the network protocol IP from the application programming interface. A security network driver is used along with two encryption/decryption libraries for added data security. A network driver and additional hardware are also used in communication with the networks. Thus, all IP traffic is transparently encrypted/decrypted (tunneled). This set-up can be used by mobile subscribers using the mobile telephone as a modem to connect to an Intranet through the Internet. To this end, the IPsec protocol suite needs to be installed as the security network driver in the remote host.

[0016] A deficiency with the method described in WO-9726731 A1 is that the remote host, i.e. the host of the mobile user, has to be adapted to handle IPsec tunnels. Considering the large amount of already deployed hosts (laptops, workstations, PCs) and the diversity of operating systems and their versions, this is an unfeasible solution. Furthermore, upgrades can affect the installed security gateway.

[0017] Another deficiency with the method described in WO-9726731 A1 is that only a specialized crew, not the common user, can perform the installation and configuration of such low-level security network modules.

[0018] A further deficiency with the method described in WO-9726731 A1 is that IPsec is being slowly adopted

and it will take a long time until the computer industry will include IPsec as a standard component in a commercial operating system for potential remote hosts. Nevertheless, on the Intranet market, several companies are offering IPsec as a component in firewall computers or as a standalone IPsec security gateway. In more details, several companies have already introduced one side of IPsec, namely the side protecting the site of the company. The other side, i.e. the remote host, is difficult to provide with IPsec.

[0019] Another deficiency with the method described in WO-9726731 A1 is that users inadvertently may download malicious software when accessing the Internet. Data viruses can remove, disable or modify the security software of the remote host, without the knowledge of the user. A data virus may also harm or even destroy the operating system of a host.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0020] Today, when a user, who stays away from the premises of his Intranet, wants to communicate with said Intranet, has to use a security system using a security network driver software in order to protect the transmission of data between the Intranet and the remote host, i.e. the computer used by said user to communicate with his Intranet.

[0021] The main problem with security systems using a security network driver software is that the remote host, i.e. the computer used by the mobile user, has to be adapted to handle IPsec tunnels. With the large amount of already deployed hosts (laptops, workstations, PCs) and a diversity of operating systems and their versions, this is an unfeasible solution. Furthermore, upgrades are also difficult to maintain and perform for such scenario.

[0022] Another problem with security systems using a security network driver software is that installation and configuration of such low-level security network modules (i.e. operating system dependent) may only be performed by experienced personnel and not by the common user.

[0023] A further problem with security systems using a security network driver software is that users may, inadvertently, download malicious software when accessing the Internet. Data viruses may remove, disable or modify the security software of the remote host without the knowledge of the user.

[0024] A yet further problem with security systems using encrypting and encapsulating is that the process including encapsulating/decapsulating and encrypting/decrypting of network packets may require a large portion of the processing power of a computer.

[0025] The arrangement disclosed herein comprises an independent access unit provided with firmware. Firmware is a software stored in some sort of read-only memory module in order to provide better security. Firmware cannot be modified by external data viruses.

[0026] In accordance with the disclosed method and arrangement, for purpose of client authentication, private keys for digital certificates, or in general, any private or secret information that is necessary for client authentication can be stored in a personal SIM-card/smart-card and used in combination with the mobile telephone as a security gateway upon establishment of a IPsec tunnel. An employee staying away from his ordinary office may, by means of a personal independent access unit functioning as a security gateway, communicate with the protected Intranet of his employer. Such a scenario enables the employee to borrow any remote host in order to access the Intranet by means of a mobile communication network or a fix network, e.g. GSM, CDMA, PSTN.

[0027] The solution is to move the security function to the mobile telephone or the independent access unit, preferably a wireless independent access unit, where a lightweight security gateway is implemented.

[0028] In this solution, in contrast to prior art wherein the security layer is located inside the remote host, the security management is provided in the mobile telephone. The IPsec firmware and key management are located inside the mobile telephone, where it cannot be affected by potential attacks.

[0029] According to one advantageous embodiment, the security gateway functionality can moreover be provided in an external hardware module that can be plugged into the mobile phone, enabling commercially available telephones to work as security gateways.

[0030] According to a further advantageous embodiment of the invention a computer program product is provided, which is loadable into the internal memory of an independent access unit and comprises software portions for performing the method disclosed herein, when said independent access unit is activated by a computer.

[0031] A purpose of the inventive method and arrangement is to provide better security for electronic devices communicating over the Internet, wherein the communication is provided by means of the a mobile communication network or a fix network.

[0032] Another purpose of the inventive method and arrangement is to provide security for externally located electronic devices communicating over the Internet to an Intranet.

[0033] A further purpose of the invention is to provide a security gateway being able to resist external attacks. Said purpose is accomplished by means of a security device in the form of a hardware inside the mobile telephone.

[0034] Another purpose of the disclosed method and arrangement is that all security associations, such as keys and configuration parameters, and communications are handled in a personal single point - the independent access unit.

[0035] A yet further purpose of the disclosed method and arrangement is that the usage of an independent

access unit, preferably a wireless independent access unit, as a security gateway enables its owner to use an arbitrary remote host, such as a laptop or standalone computer, in order to access his/her Intranet.

5 [0036] An advantage of the disclosed herein method and arrangement is that low-level security software does not have to be installed on the remote host.

10 [0037] Another advantage of the disclosed method and arrangement is that all security associations, such as keys and configuration parameters, and communications are handled in a personal single point - the independent access unit, preferably a wireless independent access unit.

15 [0038] A further advantage of the disclosed herein method and arrangement is that IPsec firmware provides better protection inside the independent access unit than the security that may be provided in the remote host, where it is likely to be attacked when the remote host is used to access the Intranet.

20 [0039] A yet further advantage with the herein disclosed method and arrangement is that a firmware cannot be modified by external data viruses.

25 [0040] Another advantage with the disclosed method and arrangement is that the usage of an independent access unit, preferably a wireless independent access unit, as a security gateway enables its owner to use an arbitrary remote host in order to access his Intranet.

30 [0041] In this disclosure, the term mobile telephone is used. A man skilled in the art understands that the method disclosed herein also apply for any wireless telephone. Furthermore, instead of a wireless telephone, any independent access unit, preferably a wireless independent access unit, may be used, the access unit being able to provide wireless communication. The communication between said access unit and an electronic device, such as a laptop, a personal digital assistant or an ordinary computer may be provided by means of cables or wireless communication in the form of e.g. short range radio (e.g. bluetooth) or infrared light. Furthermore, in extreme cases, the communication between said access unit and said electronic device may be provided by means of ultrasonic or hydrophonic communication. The security firmware may also be inserted inside the computer functioning as a remote host, wherein the computer communicates using said security firmware as a security gateway.

45 [0042] The term "comprises/comprising" when used in this specification is taken to specify the presence of stated features, integers, steps or components but does not preclude the presence or addition of one or more other features, integers, steps, components or groups thereof.

50 [0043] Further scope of applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various

changes and modifications within scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0044]

- Figure 1 is a picture illustrating the usage of the method and arrangement according to the invention.
- Figure 2 is a diagram illustrating the three layers in the Internet.
- Figure 3 is a flowchart of tunnel record updating wherein a security system according to the invention is used.
- Figure 4 is a diagram illustrating a security system for communication according to the invention.

[0045] The invention will now be described in more detail with reference to preferred exemplifying embodiments thereof and with reference to the accompanying drawings.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0046] In figure 1 the usage of the method and arrangement according to the invention is illustrated. An employee, Mr. Smith, of an international company, e.g. Ericsson, is visiting Tokyo. Mr. Smith owns a mobile telephone 1030 provided with a SIM card having a security firmware according to the invention. Mr. Smith wants to communicate with Ericsson's Intranet 1040, which is located in Stockholm, Sweden. Mr. Smith borrows a laptop 1010 from the Hotel, where he stays during his visit in Tokyo. He connects the laptop 1010 by means of short range radio communication 1020 to his mobile. In a further application, a cable may be used instead of short-range radio communication. In a yet further embodiment of the invention, the laptop 1010 may be replaced by a stand-alone computer. The communication between the laptop 1010 and the mobile 1030 may be provided by means of infrared light. In a further embodiment, the SIM card provided with the security firmware may be inserted in the laptop 1010. Mr. Smith is now able to communicate by means of wireless communication with Ericsson's Intranet 1040 in Stockholm. The wireless communication between the mobile 1030 and the receiving computer may be provided through the Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) and the Internet. In a further embodiment, satellite communication is also possible. The mobile 1030 is acting as a security gateway for the communication between the Intranet 1040 and the laptop 1010. The Intranet 1040 is provided with a receiving

computer 1050 acting as an Intranet Security Gateway for the communication between the Intranet 1040 and the rest of the world.

[0047] Figure 3 is a flowchart of a method for data protection (security) via encryption/decryption for network communication according to the invention. When a user wants to access his Intranet from a remote host, the user connects his independent access unit, e.g. a mobile telephone, provided with a security firmware according to the invention to a computer (step 185). Thereafter, the mobile telephone establishes a connection with the Internet (step 189). Thereat, the mobile telephone contacts the Security Gateway of the Intranet (step 192). A computer, acting as a gateway to the Intranet and provided with a security gateway, checks if the security gateway in the independent access unit, is authorized (step 196). If this is not the case, an error message is sent to the telephone. Otherwise, a security tunnel is established between the mobile telephone and the security Gateway (step 198). Thereat, an IP connection between the remote host and the Intranet is established.

[0048] In figure 4 is shown the communication between the entities according to a preferred embodiment. The three levels of communication is illustrated in figure 4. Each protocol communicates with its logical correspondent. The communication is provided layer by layer; the TCP/UDP-layer 130 at the Remote host 100, at the Internet side communicates with the TCP/UDP-layer 430 at the Intranet Host 400, the IP-layer 120 at the Remote host 100 communicates with the IP-layer 420 at the Intranet Host 400, at the Intranet side. As is shown in figure 4, the Remote Host 100 is not provided with a network security layer, i.e. installation of a network security layer at the Remote Host 100 is not required. All security management is provided in the mobile telephone 200. The mobile telephone 200 at the Internet side is provided with a security gateway 230, provided with a firmware called IPsec in 240. The complexity of the security gateway functionality 230 can be held low, as only one single host needs to be protected. The hardware and the software in the mobile telephone 200 can be reliably implemented. On the other hand, the trust one can put on the Remote Host 100 is limited. Communication between the Remote Host 100 and the mobile telephone 200 is secure, for example by serial cable connecting both devices, the built-in security of the communication link (e.g. Bluetooth or some other short range communication), or the short range capability (infrared light). The IPsec firmware 240 and the key management are located inside the mobile telephone 200, as part of the security gateway 230, where it cannot be affected by potential attacks. The IPsec layer 240 in the mobile telephone 200 on the Internet side communicates with the IPsec layer 340 in the Security Gateway 300 on the Intranet side. The Security Gateway 300 terminates the IPsec tunnel and forwards the IP packets from the remote host to the Intranet host. In a preferred embodiment, the Security Gateway 300 is located inside

the Intranet Host 400. In a further preferred embodiment, the security gateway 300 is a part of the host 400.

[0049] The control of the mobile telephone Security Association (SA), such as keys for VPN establishment and security policies, can be done statically or dynamically.

[0050] In the simple case, the SA is loaded into the mobile telephone by out-of-band secure means (i.e. static configuration). This could be done manually for simple configurations, or securely downloaded within the Intranet from an authenticated site. The mobile telephone can also be pre-configured to get its Intranet network parameters within the Intranet. In such a case, manual IPsec would run between the telephone and the security gateway.

[0051] Dynamic configuration of the IPsec tunnel and the remote host may also be provided according to the Internet Key Exchange (IKE) [RFC 2409]. In such a case, the IKE protocol is employed to establish an initial security association between the telephone and the security gateway. This tunnel would then be used to negotiate a remote host SA. IKE has been chosen because said dynamic configuration provides a transportable security gateway. Furthermore, a personal security gateway provides better control and supervision.

[0052] It should be observed that:

- The pre-configuration of the security associations could be very strong and only allow access to certain gateways or it could be very relaxed and be more or less under user control.
- Implementation of the IKE protocol would allow the usage of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) based key management.
- Other security channels can be implemented according to this idea. Instead of the IPsec protocol, it is e.g. possible to have transport layer security (TLS: Transport Layer Security/SSL: Secure Socket Layer/SSH: Secure Shell/WTLS: Wireless TLS), simple packet filtering, or link-level encryption for modem connections.

[0053] In a yet future embodiment, in a communication system transmitting speech over an IP-channel, the method disclosed herein can be used.

[0054] The invention being thus described, it will be obvious that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.

Claims

1. A method for transmitting data packets in a communication system including a remote host (1010), an independent access unit (1030), and a receiving computer (1050) acting as a security Gateway to an Intranet, **characterized** in that security firmware is located inside the independent access unit (1030), wherein the independent access unit (1030) is used as a security gateway between the remote host (1010) and the Intranet in order to provide security in the communication to the remote host (1010) when the communication is performed over the Internet.
2. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the firmware is provided in the form of IPsec.
3. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the firmware is provided in the form of software.
4. A method according to claim 1-3, **characterized** in that said remote host is a laptop or a stand alone computer.
5. A method according to claim 1-3, **characterized** in that said remote host is a personal digital assistant.
6. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the communication between the independent access unit (1030) and the remote host (1010) is performed by means of a wireless connection.
7. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the communication between the independent access unit (1030) and the remote host (1010) is performed by means of short range radio.
8. A method according to claim 7, **characterized** in that said short range radio communication is adopted to the bluetooth standard.
9. A method according to claim 6, **characterized** in that the communication between the independent access and the remote host is performed by means of infrared light.
10. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that client private information required per client authentication are stored in the personal tamperproof storage and used in combination with the independent access unit as a security gateway upon establishment of a IPsec tunnel enabling a user to borrow any remote host in order to access the Intranet by means of a mobile communication network or a fix network.
11. A method according to claim 10, **characterized** in

- that said tamperproof storage is provided in the form of a SIM- card/smart card.
12. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the security gateway 300 terminates the IPsec secure link and forwards the IP packets from the remote host to the Intranet host. 5
 13. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the control of the independent access unit Security Association SA is performed statically. 10
 14. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the control of the independent access unit Security Association SA is performed dynamically. 15
 15. A method according to claim 14, **characterized** in that the dynamic configuration is provided by means of Internet Key Exchange (IKE) in order to establish an initial security association between the independent access unit and the security gateway, thereat said secure link is used to negotiate a remote host SA. 20
 16. A method according to claim 13, **characterized** in that the pre-configuration of the security only allows access to certain gateways. 25
 17. A method according to claim 13, **characterized** in that the pre-configuration is under user control. 30
 18. A method according to claim 15, **characterized** in that the PKI based key management is used.
 19. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that in that said method is used in a communication system transmitting speech over an IP-channel. 35
 20. A computer program product directly loadable into the internal memory of an independent access unit, **characterized** by comprising software portions for performing the method according to any of claims 1-19, when the independent access unit is activated by a computer. 40
 21. An arrangement for transmitting data packets in a communication system including a remote host (1010), an independent access unit (1030), and a receiving computer (1050) acting as a security Gateway to an Intranet, **characterized** in that security firmware is located inside the independent access unit (1030), wherein the independent access unit (1030) is used as a security gateway between the remote host (1010) and the Intranet in order to provide security in the communication to the remote host (1010) when the communication is performed over the Internet. 50
 22. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that the firmware is provided in the form of IPsec.
 23. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that the firmware is provided in the form of software.
 24. An arrangement according to claim 21-23, **characterized** in that said remote host is a laptop or a stand alone computer.
 25. An arrangement according to claim 21-23, **characterized** in that said remote host is a personal digital assistant.
 26. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that the communication between the independent access unit (1030) and the remote host (1010) is performed by means of a wireless connection.
 27. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that the communication between the independent access unit (1030) and the remote host (1010) is performed by means of short range radio.
 28. An arrangement according to claim 27, **characterized** in that said short range radio communication is adopted to the bluetooth standard.
 29. An arrangement according to claim 26, **characterized** in that the communication between the independent access and the remote host is performed by means of infrared light.
 30. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that client private information required per client authentication are stored in the personal tamperproof storage and used in combination with the independent access unit as a security gateway upon establishment of a IPsec tunnel enabling a user to borrow any remote host in order to access the Intranet by means of a mobile communication network or a fix network. 45
 31. An arrangement according to claim 30, **characterized** in that said tamperproof storage is provided in the form of a SIM- card/smart card. 50
 32. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that the security gateway 300 terminates the IPsec secure link and forwards the IP packets from the remote host to the Intranet host.
 33. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that the control of the independent access unit Security Association SA is performed statically. 55

34. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that the control of the independent access unit Security Association SA is performed dynamically.
35. An arrangement according to claim 34, **characterized** in that the dynamic configuration is provided by means of Internet Key Exchange (IKE) in order to establish an initial security association between the independent access unit and the security gateway, thereat said secure link is used to negotiate a remote host SA.
36. An arrangement to claim 33, **characterized** in that the pre-configuration of the security only allows access to certain gateways.
37. An arrangement according to claim 33, **characterized** in that the pre-configuration is under user control.
38. An arrangement according to claim 35, **characterized** in that the PKI based key management is used.
39. An arrangement according to claim 21, **characterized** in that in that said method is used in a communication system transmitting speech over an IP-channel.

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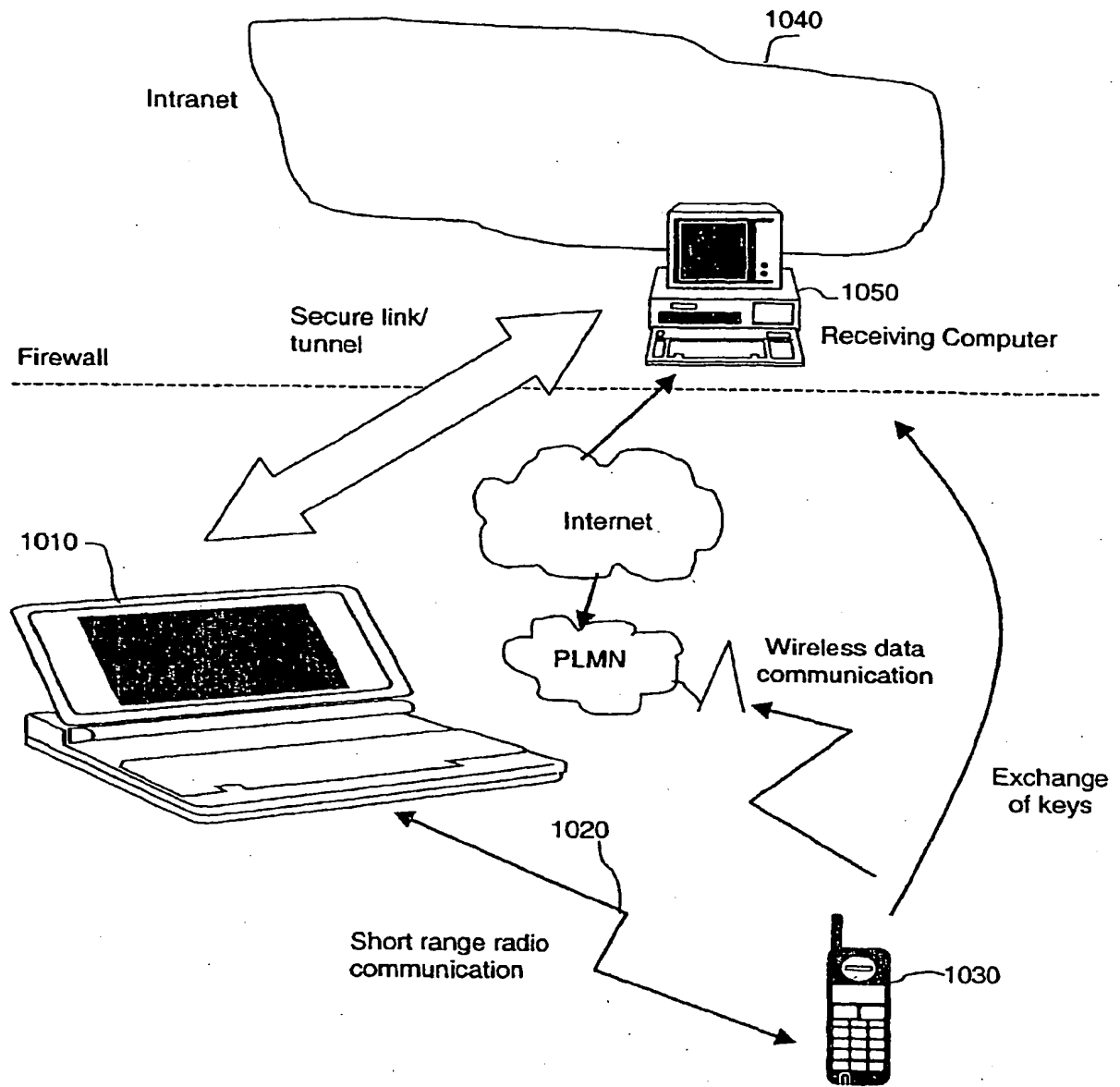


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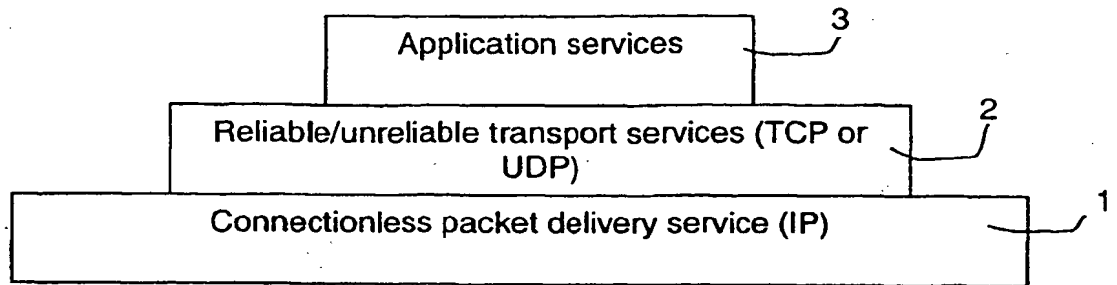


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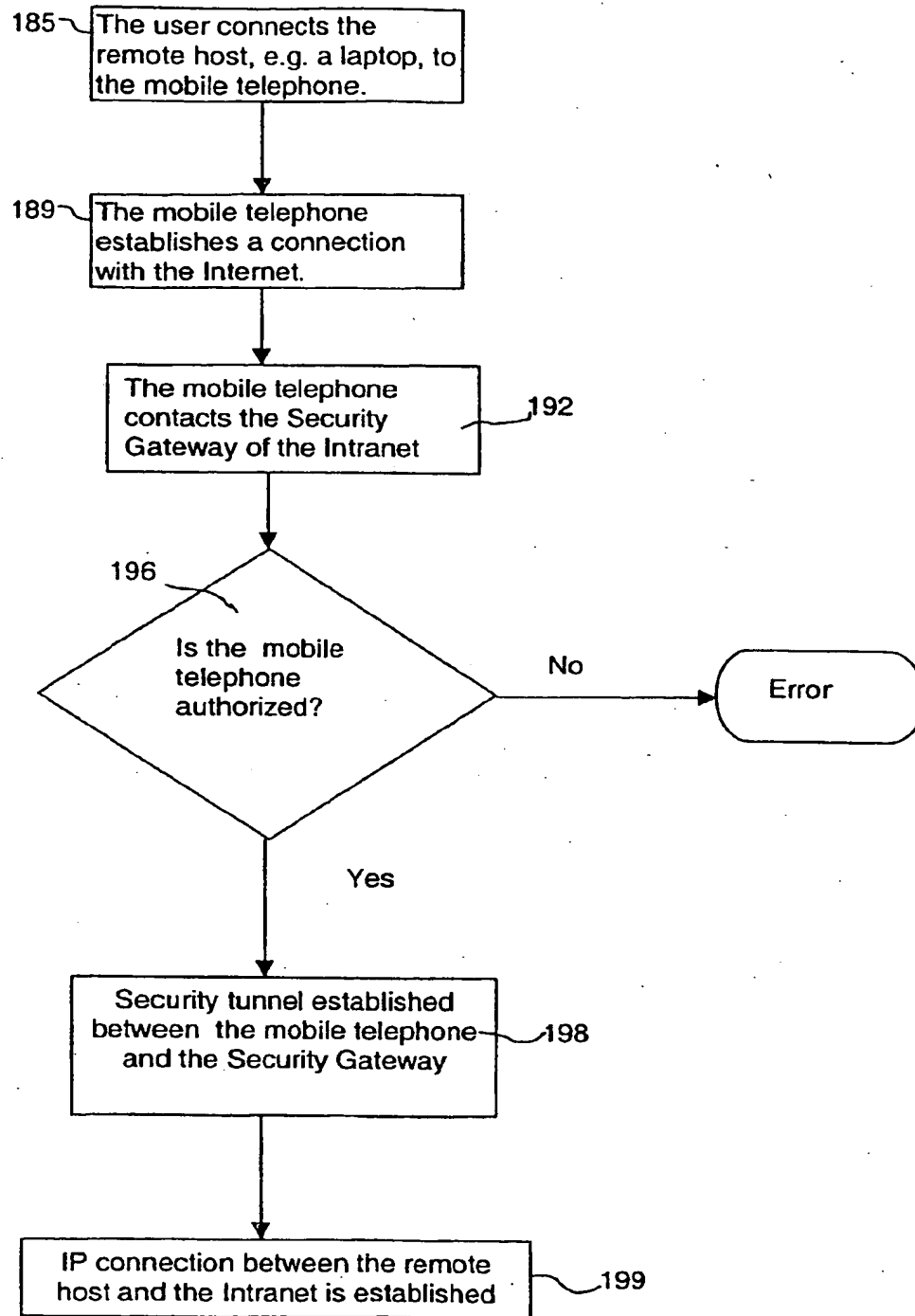


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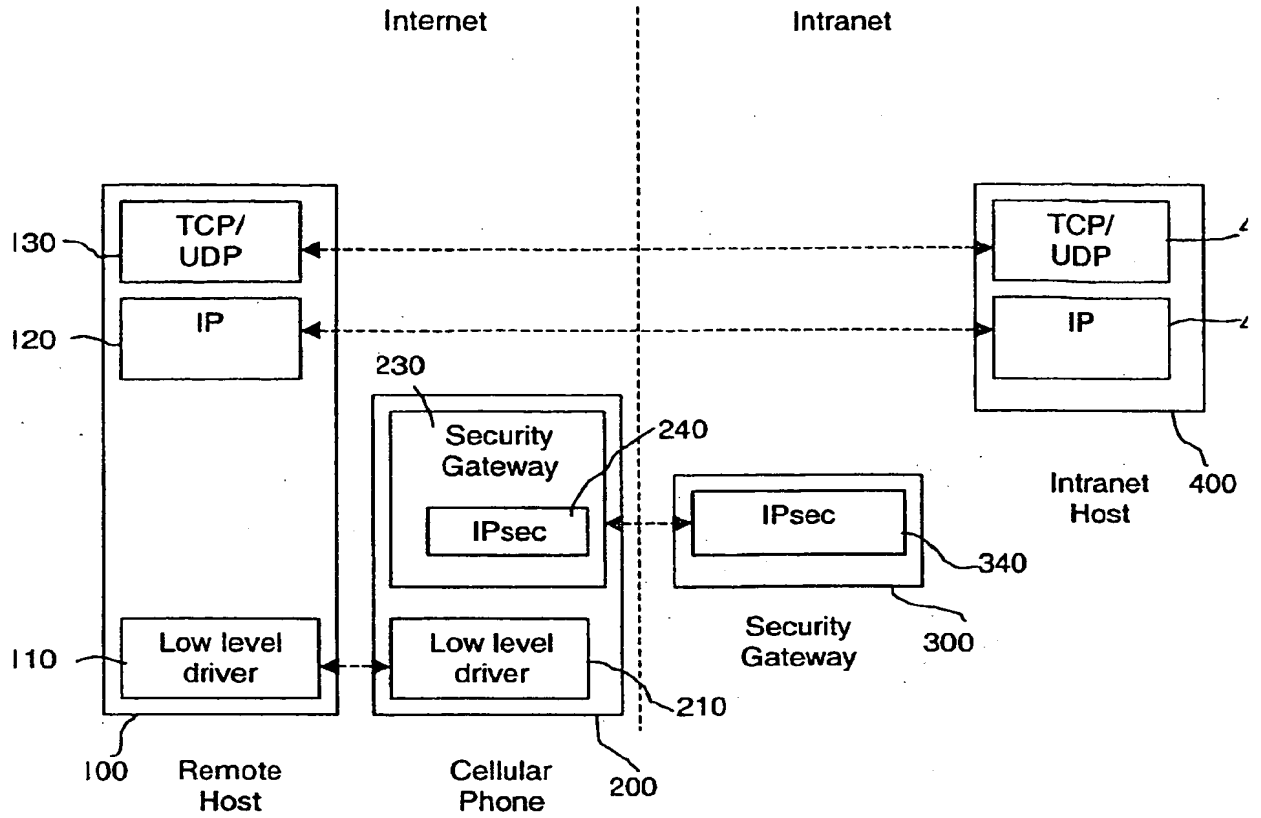


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1. claims: 1-16

Method and system for controlling access to a trusted
network using a portable storage device

2. claims: 17-23

Secure network communication system performing URL
verification and modification based on information from
active session middleware and an authentication system

The common technical features of claims 1 and 11 on the one hand and claim 17 on the other are: authentication of a remote client and a bastion host. Since these features are known to the man in the art, they are not "special" in the sense of Rule 30(1) EPC and thus the requirements of Article 82 EPC are not met.

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